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**RESPONSE TO ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed with the Patent Office on March 26, 2008 and January 9, 2009 be considered by the Examiner. Applicants also request that the Examiner return initialed copies of the forms PTO-1449 which were filed as part of the Information Disclosure Statements on March 26, 2008 and January 9, 2009. Enclosed herewith are copies of the Information Disclosure Statements, forms PTO-1449, (2) Japanese Office Actions and references. Also enclosed herewith is a printout from Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) of the Bibliographic Data for the present application, clearly showing the receipt of the March 26, 2008 and January 9, 2009 IDS's.

Respectfully submitted,

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